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WHAT IS IT, VIKKI? OUR MARRIAGE IS FALLING APART!
IS CARL SO BLIND? ... CAN'T HE SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING?
CAPPELLO

I WAS A WAITRESS IN A DINER ON ROUTE 40 WHEN I MET CHUCK BOLTON ...HE WAS DRIVING ONE OF THOSE HUGE DIESEL CAB-OVER-ENGINE TRACTORS WITH A SLEEPER IN BACK AND HE WAS HAULING A LOAD OF APPLIANCES TO CALIFORNIA. HE AND HIS UNCLE OWNED THE RIG SO WHEN I SAID I'D HAVE DINNER WITH HIM THAT NIGHT, CHUCK DIDN'T HAVE TO ASK ANYONE FOR PERMISSION TO LAY OVER FOR THE NIGHT! BEFORE OUR DATE ENDED, I WAS IN HIS ARMS...

EVERY TRUCKER HAS THE SAME LINE, CHUCK! I'LL PROBABLY NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN ... BUT I HOPE I DO!

I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU, MARTHA.

Lonely Life

IF ONLY I CAN... HE'S THE NICEST GUY I'VE EVER KNOWN!

I'LL BE BACK, MARTHA!

I'LL BE WAITING, CHUCK!

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FOR A WEEK, I LOOKED FOR CHUCK BOLTON... BUT HE DIDN'T SHOW AND I TOLD MYSELF HE NEVER WOULD!

I FINALLY MET A MAN I COULD REALLY LOVE... AND I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!

SOME WEEKS I WORKED THE EARLY SHIFT, GETTING TO THE DINER AT SIX-THIRTY... AND ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER WHEN I ARRIVED...

HE'S HERE!

WHERE IS HE? CHUCK ...HE DRIVES THAT BIG RIG OUT THERE!

IT WAS HERE BEFORE THE PLACE OPENED. HE'S PROBABLY ASLEEP IN BACK OF THE CAB!

HEY, YOU'VE GOT WORK TO DO! WHERE YOU GOING?

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, BILL! I JUST WANT TO SAY HELLO TO CHUCK!

CHUCK? CHUCK BOLTON?

HUH?

I BROUGHT YOU BREAK-FAST IN BED, CHUCK.

THANKS, MARTHA... YOU'RE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I REMEM-BERED!

I'VE NEVER BEEN INSIDE A BIG, NEW TRUCK LIKE THIS, CHUCK! IT'S REALLY COMPLICATED!

NEVER MIND THE TRUCK, HONEY. I TOLD MY UNCLE I'M STAYING OVER A COUPLE DAYS! WE'VE GOT A LOT TO TALK ABOUT!

LIKE WHAT, CHUCK?

LIKE I THINK I LOVE YOU... AND IF YOU LOVE ME, WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

HOW'S THIS FOR STARTERS?

CHUCK STAYED THREE DAYS. MET MY FAMILY, PHONED HOME TO TELL HIS FOLKS HE...

THAT'S RIGHT, MOM. MARTHA AND I ARE GETTING MARRIED OUT HERE. SHE'LL RIDE TO LOS ANGELES WITH ME AND THEN BACK TO ROCHESTER. THAT'LL BE OUR HONEYMOON!

OUR WEDDING WAS FANTASTIC. I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD BE THERE BUT MY FAMILY... BUT OUTSIDE OUR CHURCH...

WE'RE HAVIN' THE RECEPTION AT THE DINER! HURRY UP AND KISS THE BRIDE, CHUCK... WE ALL GOTTA ROLL IN AN HOUR!

JUST MARRIED

INSURANCE DOESN'T COVER PASSENGERS SO WE'VE GOT YOU ON THE PAYROLL AS A HELPER, MARTHA.

I WISH I COULD HELP, CHUCK. THIS IS REALLY WILD!

TWO HOURS LATER I WAS RIDING IN THE CAB WITH CHUCK...

CHUCK SAID WE PROBABLY SET A RECORD FOR THE SLOWEST TRUCK TO CALIFORNIA SINCE THE COVERD WAGONS!

I LOVE YOU, MARTHA! I WISH THIS TRIP WOULD NEVER END.

MOTEL

UNCLE ED TALKED LIKE HE WAS AFRAID IT NEVER WILL, CHUCK. I THINK WE'D BETTER QUIT STOPPING SO OFTEN AND DELIVER THE LOAD!

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WE FINALLY UNLOADED AT LOS ANGELES! WE PICKED UP ANOTHER LOAD BOUND FOR CHICAGO AND OFF WE WENT...

YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE A BREAK, CHUCK. LET'S PULL OVER AND GET SOME SLEEP.

RIGHT!

WE WERE IN ROCHESTER FOUR DAYS LATER. I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT CHUCK'S MOM HAD RENTED AN APARTMENT FOR US IN THE SUBURBS ABOUT SEVEN MILES FROM TOWN.

DARLING, YOU'RE SO STRONG!

WE'LL HAVE FIVE DAYS TOGETHER ... THAT'LL GIVE ME TIME TO HELP YOU CLEAN THE APARTMENT AND BUY SOME FURNITURE!

NO, IT WON'T, NEPHEW!

YOU'VE GOT A LOAD OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR URGENT DELIVERY TO BRIDGEPORT; THE TRAILER'S BEING LOADED NOW!

BUT, ED... WELL, I GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE!

PICK OUT GOOD FURNITURE, SWEETHEART! REMEMBER, IT'S GOT TO LAST A LONG TIME... AND I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW DAYS!

SIX MONTHS LATER, I WAS EVEN MORE IN LOVE... BUT I WAS MISERABLE BECAUSE WE SPENT SO LITTLE TIME TOGETHER!

RINGG!

UNCLE ED. COME IN...IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU!

GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, MARTHA ...I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU!

BUT THIS IS ... UNCLE ED, DO YOU REALLY THINK I CAN DO IT?

WHY NOT? THIS ANSWERS SOME OF YOUR PROB-LEMS, DOESN'T IT?

I DIDN'T HAVE TIME AFTER THAT TO SIT AROUND AND BROOD. I WENT TO CLASSES, DID HOME-WORK, AND I REFUSED TO TELL CHUCK WHAT I WAS DOING UNTIL ONE DAY...

I'VE BEEN REALLY BUSY SINCE WE GOT MARRIED, DARL-ING. I MISS YOU SO MUCH WHEN I'M AWAY.

YOU WON'T BE MIS-SING ME FROM NOW ON, CHUCK... LOOK WHAT I'VE GOT!

A TRUCK, DRIVERS DIPLOMA? WHEN DID...

UNCLE ED ENROLLED ME IN AN OVER-THE-ROAD DRIVING SCHOOL. I PASSED WITH NO TROUBLE AND GOT MY LICENSE!

IT WAS A DREAM COME TRUE. CHUCK AND I WERE A TEAM, HAPPY TOGETHER AND VERY MUCH IN LOVE!

END

INFLATION

WHAT'S THE MATTER, DONNA? YOU LOOK KIND OF DOWN.

IT'S MY DAD, JIM... HE'S BEEN VERY UPSET LATELY!

WHAT'S HE UPSET ABOUT?

HE'S COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW THINGS ARE GOING UP! FOOD, CLOTHING, TAXES... EVERYTHING!

HE TOLD ME HE'D LIKE TO SEE JUST ONE THING THAT'S GOING DOWN!

?

WHY DON'T YOU SHOW HIM YOUR GRADES, DONNA?

END

He's Mine

DARLING, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CHOSE ME,..YOU KNEW SO MANY BEAUTIFUL GIRLS!

I STILL DO, MELINDA...BUT YOU'RE THE ONE I MARRIED!

IN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF OUR MARRIAGE, I DECIDED I WAS THE HAPPIEST BRIDE IN THE WORLD! KIRK WAS THOUGHTFUL AND I KNEW HE LOVED ME JUST AS I DID HIM..

THAT *IS TRUE*... WHEREVER WE GO, WE MEET GIRLS KIRK USED TO DATE.

NICHOLAS ALASCIA

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KIRK, COULD YOU SORT OF AVOID THOSE GIRLS? I KNOW YOU DON'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT BUT PEOPLE MIGHT THINK YOU...

WHO CARES WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK?

KIRK'S FAMILY HAD A MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNTRY CLUB. ONE OF OUR WEDDING GIFTS HAD BEEN MEMBERSHIP FOR KIRK AND ME. I REALLY WORRIED WHEN WE WENT THERE.

THAT WAS A WORK-OUT KIRK... THEN, YOU ALWAYS DID WARN ME UP! HOW ABOUT A SWIM TO COOL OFF?

NO, THANKS, NATALIE. WE...

WE HAVE TIME, MELINDA. IT'LL ONLY TAKE A MOMENT TO CHANGE.

WHY CAN'T THEY LET KIRK ALONG...HE'S MY HUSBAND NOW!

KIRK, YOU'VE GOT TO COME TO THE DINNER DANCE TOMORROW! YOU HAVEN'T MISSED ONE IN YEARS.

I'D LIKE TO, NATALIE, BUT MELINDA...

OF COURSE, IF YOU'RE AFRAID WE...

NATALIE IS RIGHT, MELINDA. WE REALLY OUGHT TO GO.

SO I GAVE IN...AND WATCHED NATALIE TURNING ON THAT CHARM. THERE WERE OTHER GIRLS WHO LIKED KIRK TOO!

THEY'RE DOING IT ON PURPOSE. JUST TO IRRITATE ME!

I'D DECIDED NOT TO MENTION IT TO KIRK BUT DRIVING HOME, I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF...

KIRK, DID...DID YOU DATE NATALIE VERY OFTEN? DO YOU STILL LIKE HER?

NATALIE AND I ARE OLD BUDDIES, MELINDA.

SHE'S A LOT OF FUN, MELINDA...BUT I FELL IN LOVE WITH *YOU* NOT HER. NOW, LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT BEFORE I GET ANNOYED.

I HAD NICE DRESSES BUT I WANTED A SPECIAL DRESS FOR THE DINNER DANCE. I TOOK THE CAR...KIRK SAID HE'D TAKE A TAXI TO AND FROM THE COUNTRY CLUB. HE PLANNED TO PLAY GOLF...

THAT IS STUNNING, MRS. ELLISON.

WAIT TILL KIRK SEES THIS!

THE DOOR WAS OPEN. I WAS QUIET...I WANTED TO SURPRISE HIM BUT I GOT THE SURPRISE!

OH, NO!

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MELINDA!

HELLO, MELINDA. IT'S ME AGAIN... AREN'T YOU SURPRISED?

I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT, KIRK! 'BYE, MELINDA!

MELINDA? OUR GUEST IS LEAVING.

THAT SUITS ME *JUST FINE!*

LOOK, MELINDA, I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO MATURE?

WHEN ARE *YOU* GOING TO BEHAVE LIKE A *MARRIED MAN?*

YOU CAN FORGET THAT STUPID DINNER DANCE TONIGHT, MR. ELLISON! I'M NOT GOING TO LET THAT WITCH HUMILIATE ME AGAIN!

YOU CAN FORGET IT... I'M GOING!

ONE HALF HOUR LATER....

DON'T WAIT UP, SWEETIE...I MAY BE LATE, *VERY* LATE!

HE REALLY *IS* GOING WITHOUT ME!

HE'S ANGRY AT ME...SO WHEN HE GETS TO THE CLUB, NATALIE AND THE OTHERS WILL GET THEIR CLAWS INTO HIM!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT...*AND CAN I EVER!*

I DIDN'T WIN KIRK BECAUSE I WAS THE DUMBEST BROAD IN TOWN!

IF THEY WANT TO PLAY GAMES...I KNOW MORE GAMES THAN THEY'LL *EVER* KNOW!

THERE!

I TOOK A CAB TO THE COUNTRY CLUB BECAUSE KIRK HAD OUR ONLY CAR....

MELINDA! THIS IS A SURPRISE! I THOUGHT I SAW KIRK INSIDE WITH...

I KNOW...WITH NATALIE OR SUSAN OR WHOMEVER. HOW'VE YOU BEEN, JASON? WHO ARE YOU WITH?

I WAS ALONE UNTIL YOU CAME INTO MY LIFE, MELINDA.

YOU HAVE SUCH A SWEET WAY OF PUTTING THINGS, JASON.

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STORM WARNINGS ARE UP, MY DEAR! HERE COMES YOUR HUSBAND.

I'VE BEEN EXPECTING HIM, JASON. JUST SIT TIGHT.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, MELINDA, YOU'LL SHARE A TABLE WITH ME. SORRY, JASON, NOTHING PERSONAL.

YOU'VE ALREADY 'GOT COMPANIONSHIP, KIRK. I'LL SIT WITH JASON AWHILE IF YOU DON'T MIND.

KIRK, DARLING, STOP LOOKING OVER THERE. I...

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A WALK, NATALIE. YOU STARTED THIS -- WHOLE HASSLE ON PURPOSE.

JASON, I APOLOGIZE FOR MY RUDENESS BEFORE. MAY I HAVE A WORD WITH MELINDA...*ALONE*?

OF COURSE, KIRK, AND PLEASE KEEP THIS TABLE IF YOU WISH. MELINDA AND I WERE CHATTING, THAT'S ALL.

NATALIE HEARD YOU IN THE HALL TODAY. SHE TRIED TO MOVE INTO MY ARMS SO YOU'D THINK WE...LOOK, MELINDA, I LOVE *YOU*...AND I'LL STOP TALKING TO OTHER GIRLS IF YOU LIKE.

NO, DARLING... YOU LIKE PEOPLE AND THEY LIKE YOU... COME OUTSIDE WITH ME A MOMENT WHILE I TELL YOU SOMETHING...

I LOVE YOU, KIRK...

End

MANNEQUINS

THERE'S DON... I'VE BEEN CRAZY ABOUT HIM FOR YEARS...

...BUT HE NEVER ASKS ME FOR A DATE BECAUSE HE THINKS I'M STUPID! OH, OH, HE'S COMING TOWARD ME!

HI, LINDA! I WAS INVITED TO A LECTURE ...HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME WITH ME?

OH YES, DON! I'D LOVE TO...

...BUT WHY ASK ME TO GO WITH YOU TO THE LECTURE? YOU ALWAYS SAID I WASN'T TOO BRIGHT!

IN THIS CASE YOU'D BE JUST THE PERSON TO TAKE...

...THE LECTURE IS ON MANNEQUINS... AND THEY TOLD ME TO BRING A DUMMY!

END

Apron Strings

WHEN I MET CARL, I THINK I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIS BIG, FUN-LOVING FAMILY AS MUCH AS I DID HIM... WHEN WE WERE DATING, WE VISITED HIS BROTHERS, UNCLES, AND SO ON... BUT AFTER WE WERE MARRIED, I EXPECTED SOME PRIVACY! I DIDN'T GET... WE NEVER HAD A MOMENT ALONE!

OH, DARLING, I'VE BEEN THINKING OF YOU ALL DAY! WE... WHO'S THAT?

CARL? VIKKI? IT'S ME... I BROUGHT A SURPRISE!

IT'S MOM... SHE HAS A KEY TO OUR HOUSE, REMEMBER?

A CAKE? MOTHER DRISCOLL YOU CAME OVER JUST FOR THAT?

IT'S CARL'S FAVORITE... ANGEL-FOOD WITH ORANGE ICING!

CAPPIELLO

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I HOPE THE COFFEE WON'T KEEP US AWAKE ALL NIGHT, MOTHER.

WE OFTEN HAVE COFFEE AND CAKE AT NIGHT, VIKKI!

YOU DIDN'T TAKE A BIG ENOUGH PIECE OF CAKE, VIKKI!

I DON'T USUALLY EAT CAKE OR PIE, MOTHER DRISCOLL ... I DON'T THINK CARL WOULD LIKE IT IF I GOT FAT!

I KNOW I WON'T APPRECIATE IT IF CARL GAINS WEIGHT! IT ISN'T HEALTHY!

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, HON!

MOTHER D. FINALLY LEFT AFTER ELEVEN... BY THEN CARL WAS PRACTICALLY ASLEEP ON HIS FEET!

GOOD NIGHT, SWEETIE.

BUT, CARL...

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EVERY WEEK THERE WERE FAMILY AFFAIRS... A CHRISTENING...

NOW, YOU ARE A DRISCOLL... AND CERTAIN THINGS ARE EXPECTED OF YOU.

CARL, WE *NEVER* DO ANYTHING BY OURSELVES! THAT MOVIE I WANTED TO SEE ISN'T PLAYING ANYMORE... I HAVE FRIENDS BUT WE NEVER HAVE TIME FOR THEM...

...OR SOMETIMES A COUSIN OR FAMILY FRIEND DIED! NATURALLY WE'D ATTEND...

I HATE FUNERALS, MOTHER DRISCOLL. I DIDN'T KNOW COUSIN CHARLES OR HIS WIFE.

YOU HAD TO COME, VIKKI! HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

I'M YOUR WIFE, CARL... BUT YOU SPEND LESS TIME WITH ME THAN YOU DO WITH YOUR MOTHER!

DON'T START THAT, VIKKI!

BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED, YOU SAID YOU *LIKED* MY FAMILY!

BUT I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE A LIFE OF OUR OWN. WE DONT...

CARL, WE'VE GOT TO STOP RUNNING TO COUSINS' BIRTHDAY PARTIES, ANNIVERSARIES, AND HOUSE-WARMINGS.

DARLING? YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED ME.

GO TO SLEEP... WE CAN ARGUE ALL DAY TOMORROW... IT'S SATURDAY.

NO, WE CAN'T. WERE GOING TO A COOK OUT AT YOUR GRANDMOTHERS, REMEMBER?

THE DEISCOLL WOMEN WERE ALL FABULOUS COOKS... AND CARL WAS STUFFING HIMSELF! I HAD TO REFUSE MOST OF THE GOODIES!

HERE, HONEY... HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT! THE FOOD IS GREAT!

YOU'RE EATING ENOUGH FOR US BOTH, LOVER!

WE QUARRELED A LOT...

...BUT THEN WE'D MAKE UP!

BUT IT COULDN'T GO ON! THERE CAME A DAY...

WHAT WILL I TELL MY BROTHER AND HIS WIFE?

TELL THEM I COULDN'T MAKE THE PARTY! ANY EXCUSE WILL DO, CAEL... BUT I'M NOT GOING!

I'D LIKE SOME TIME TO LEAD MY OWN LIFE!

AND I THINK IT'S TIME YOU GREW UP, BUSTER!

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSE TO MEAN?

I MEAN YOU'RE STILL TIED TO YOUR MOTHER'S APRON STRINGS AND I'M SICK OF IT!

CARL ALMOST TOOK THE DOOR OFF THE HINGES WHEN HE LEFT...

IT'S SUCH A MESS... CARL AND I ARE MISERABLE!

STAM!!

VIKKI? I DECIDED NOT TO GO!

I'LL CALL DAN AND SAY WE'RE NOT GOING. FROM NOW ON, WE'LL LIVE OUR OWN LIVES...

... I'M FINALLY GOING TO CUT THE APRON STRINGS, VIKKI!

OH, DARLING!

Ah

CARL EXPLAINED TO HIS MOTHER AND SHE PASSED THE WORD TO THE REST OF THE FAMILY! OUR PHONE WAS STRANGELY SILENT...

THIS IS THE FIRST DAY I'VE HAD TO MYSELF SINCE I MARRIED CARL!

THE HOUSE IS CLEAN... SOON CARL WILL BE HOME.

DARLING, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HOME!

HMMM... DINNER SMELLS GOOD!

I INVITED AN OLD FRIEND WHO'D GOTTEN MARRIED ... THEY CAME AND BROUGHT A SLIDE PROJECTOR WITH HONEYMOON PICTURES.

...AND HERE I'M AT THE BEACH! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT BATHING SUIT? HAROLD BOUGHT IT FOR ME IN HAWAII!

I'D FORGOTTEN HOW *BORING* LILA CAN BE... WHAT A DRAG!

SHOW THEM OVER AGAIN, HAROLD. THEY'RE TERRIFIC PICTURES!

OH, NO... I'D LIKE TO *STRANGLE* CARL!

FOR A WEEK, IT WAS SHEER HEAVEN! CARL AND I HAD MOST EVENINGS TO OURSELVES, BUT...

MAYBE I WAS WRONG... IT'S STRICTLY DULLSVILLE AROUND HERE NOW!

NEXT MORNING...

I HOPE MOTHER DRISCOLL IS HOME...

VIKKI... MOM WILL BE GLAD YOU'RE HERE! COME ON IN!

THANKS, MARGE... I'VE MISSED SEEING ALL OF YOU THESE LAST FEW WEEKS.

MOTHER DRISCOLL, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE. CARL AND I HAVE MISSED YOU ... BUT COMING HERE WAS MY IDEA!

I'M SO GLAD, VIKKI. NOW, HELP ME WITH LUNCH!

MARGE, CARL'S SISTER, MYSELF AND MOTHER DRISCOLL HAD LUNCH ... AND EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON, I CALLED CARL...

YES, CARL... I'M AT YOUR MOTHER'S... WE'RE EATING HERE TONIGHT. NO, IT WAS MY IDEA... THE FIRST GOOD ONE I'VE HAD SINCE WE WERE MARRIED!

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MOST OF CARL'S FAMILY DROPPED BY! WE HAD A WONDER-FUL TIME...

HERE'S MY BEST PITCH, BABY! I'M GONNA STRIKE YOU O...OOOPS!

RUN, VIKKI... IT'S A HOMER!

GOLLY, THAT WAS FUN! HEY, LET'S PLAY POKER, WE...

OH, NO... IT'S LATE. WE'D BETTER HEAD HOME.

YOU'RE A PARTY-POOPER, CARL!

I JUST DON'T WANT TO OVER-DO THE FAMILY BIT THIS TIME! I LOVE THEM ALL...

...BUT I LOVE YOU MOST OF ALL!

AND HE MEANT EVERY WORD!

END

Buck's bag

Buck Mason is a specialist in Teen-age problems who will be writing for this publication. He has had a wide range of experience with young people, and welcomes the chance to help you with any problems you might have. Just write him a letter, stating your situation clearly and briefly, and be sure to give all important facts. Names will be withheld in all cases, and there cannot be any personal replies.

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Dear Buck:

I need advice about myself. You see, I'm new in this country, but that doesn't bother me. I have lots of friends who are very nice to me, but somehow I still feel sort of "left-out".

You see, I'm very lonely. Not because my friends don't bother with me; no, they hang around all right. It's that I'm fourteen and I haven't gone out with any guy yet. Nor have I been kissed the real way. I've been asked out a couple of times, but I always thought that they just weren't for me. All my friends tell me to wait and the right guy will pop up from nowhere. But I just can't sit around doing nothing about it. I have to make a big step forward but I don't know where to start from. I need your advice.

Sincerely,
Left-out

Dear Left-out:

You're smart for not accepting a date from just anyone. It is better to wait for a boy who you know you'll have a good time with and who will treat you with respect. There are still quite a few of them around, too. When you do go out, don't feel that you have to kiss him even if you don't want to. Perhaps you didn't have a good time, or you've decided that you don't like him as you thought you would. Politely thank him for the date, and that's all. You're under no obligation to kiss him.

As for sitting around doing nothing while you wait for the right boy, let me say that you'll never meet him that way. You have to get out among people, meet new friends, or else that right boy won't know you exist. If you don't meet him right away, don't worry. You have your whole life ahead of you. You'll be meeting many boys, and from them you can gather what you'll look for in that "right boy".

Best wishes,
Buck

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Dear Buck:

I'm fifteen years old any my boyfriend is too. I love him a lot. Everybody tells me that he fools around with other girls, but I'm not sure. Sometimes he acts as if he wants me, and other times he acts as if he doesn't. I don't understand him. I've told him how much I love him and care about him, but he just laughs at me. He says I should know that he loves me, but I can't be so sure. Could you please tell me what you think?

Thank you,
Wondering

Dear Wondering:

Your boyfriend is not ready for just one girl. He's not willing to go steady yet, and he's telling you this by the way he laughs off your seriousness. You can still go out with him, but you'd better start looking around at new fellows also. He'll be looking at other girls, so take it easy and enjoy your rights.

Yours truly,
Buck

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Dear Buck:

I'm thirteen years old and I really like this boy who is fourteen. Every time I see him, I can't bear to look because I'm so shy. I won't say hi because I'm afraid he'll say something nasty. He does know that I like him. Can you please tell me how to get his attention?

Cordially,
Troubled

Dear Troubled:

If he knows you like him, you're already half way there in getting his attention. The next step is to talk to him, beginning with "Hi!". If he has the nerve to say something nasty, then he's not worth going out with.

Sincerely,
Buck

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